

nish to such commission such other service as the commission may need in the administration of the State Water Pollution Control Act, including the employment of a qualified and experienced sanitary engineer, who shall be designated by the board, with the approval of the commission, to act as consultant to the commission.

Subd. 3. Cooperation. The board is hereby specifically authorized to cooperate with other departments of state, other state officers, with municipalities of all kinds, with other states, the United States, *the Dominion of Canada or any province thereof*, industries, societies, corporations, and individuals, to the end and purpose of protecting and freeing the waters of the state from pollution.

Approved April 19, 1945.

CHAPTER 396—S. F. No. 501

An act relating to the acquisition and operation of recreational facilities by municipal corporations and incorporated posts of the American Legion, or any other incorporated veterans' organization, amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 471.15 and 471.16.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 471.15, is amended to read as follows:

471.15. Municipalities may acquire and operate recreational facilities. Any city, however organized, or any village, borough, town, county, school district, or any board thereof, *or any incorporated post of the American Legion or any other incorporated veterans' organization*, may operate a program of public recreation and playgrounds; acquire, equip, and maintain land, buildings, or other recreational facilities; and expend funds for the operation of such program pursuant to the provisions of sections 471.15 to 471.19, provided that the provisions of those sections shall not apply to any municipality coming within the provisions of sections 471.20 to 471.23.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 471.16, is amended to read as follows:

471.16. **May act independently or cooperatively.** Any city, however organized, or any village, borough, town, county, school district, or any board thereof, or *any incorporated post of the American Legion or any other incorporated veterans' organization*, may operate such a program independently, or they may cooperate in its conduct and in any manner in which they may mutually agree; or they may delegate the operation of the program to a recreation board created by one or more of them, and appropriate money voted for this purpose to such board. In the case of school districts the right to enter into such agreements with any other public corporation, board, or body, or the right to delegate power to a board for operating a program of recreation; shall be authorized only by a majority vote cast at an annual school election, provided that expenditures for this purpose shall not be included under maintenance cost in the computation of supplemental aid to the local school district as provided by section 128.11.

Approved April 19, 1945.

CHAPTER 397—S. F. No. 642

An act relating to the establishment and maintenance of law libraries in certain counties, and providing for the collection of fees for the acquisition and maintenance thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Law libraries established in certain counties. In each county now or hereafter having an assessed valuation excluding money and credits in excess of \$12,000,000.00 and having a population of not less than 15,000 and not more than 25,000 inhabitants according to the last federal census, and having not less than 20 or more than 22 full or fractional Congressional Townships and also in each county now or hereafter having an assessed valuation, exclusive of moneys and credits, in excess of \$15,000,000, and having a population of not less than 31,000 and not more than 37,000 inhabitants according to the last federal census, and not having less than 20 or more than 22 full or fractional Congressional Townships, a law library shall be established upon filing with the clerk of district court of such county the order therefor of a judge of said district residing in said county.